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~~55~~ (New) The communication network of claim ²⁷~~54~~ wherein the second node directs
2 further operation of its transceiver to receive messages during a time period that follows one of the
3 wireless transmissions from the first node.--

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~~56~~ (New) The communication network of claim ²⁸~~58~~ wherein the time period
2 immediately follows the one of the wireless transmissions from the first node.--

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~~57~~ (New) The communication network of claim ²⁸~~55~~ wherein the time period follows the
2 one of the wireless transmissions from the first node during an awake time window.--

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~~58~~ (New) The communication network of claim ³⁰~~57~~ wherein the awake time window
2 occurs an offset time following the one of the wireless transmissions from the first node.--

REMARKS

A Continued Prosecution Request for this application was filed on April, 30, 2000, and a response to a Notice to File Missing Parts with a payment for a three-month extension of time was mailed on January 17, 2001. Claims 15-34 were pending and a Notice of Allowance was mailed on April 30, 2000. This preliminary amendment adds new claims 47-58, which have been added to better encompass the full scope and breath of the invention. Claims 47-58 are similar to claims 35-46, which were cancelled without prejudice in a response mailed on January 27, 2000. No claim is added for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any cancelled claim. The present application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement with references from related cases will be filed by mail.

Addition of New Claims

Claims 47-58 are similar to claims 35-46 that were cancelled without prejudice in a response mailed January 27, 2000. Claims 35-46 were rejected in an Office Action mailed October 27, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Natarajan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,241,542). Although the Examiner has referred to portions of Natarajan that she believes teaches or suggests elements of the claim 35, the Examiner has not referred to any portion of Natarajan that teaches or suggests the phrase "at period intervals that are nonconsecutive" (claim 35, line 9). Specifically,

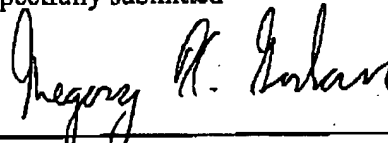
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Natarajan discloses a method to save power that requires all stations power ON in every periodic interval to receive a "header" containing information on specific stations with either waiting messages or permission to transmit ("All the mobiles listen to this designation or indexing message ... and all the mobiles turn their receivers ON and listen to Transmitting Users Index in the Header BH," col. 6, lines 22-30). Applicants' claimed subject matter enables a station to "sleep" in a low-powered state through two or more periodic intervals. Of course Applicant also believes the Examiner will agree that the dependent claims are also allowable because of their dependence from the allowable independent claims, among many other reasons.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the new and pending claims are allowable and that such allowance is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 01-0660. If there are any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Gregory K. Goshorn at (512) 703-1152.

Respectfully submitted



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